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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the shortened statutory period for responding to the Examiner's Action dated February 4, 2003, be extended three months from May 4, 2003, to August 4, 2003.

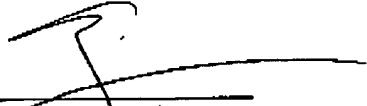
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1177.

Responsive action has been taken by filing an Amendment simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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